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**Exhibit #III.B.**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner\*

**DATE:** February 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Major Capital School Construction Program; *Site Approval Consideration*;  
Brunswick School Department – Grade 3-5 Elementary School Construction  
Project.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Superintendent David Wallace requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Brunswick, Maine, for a new 3-5 elementary school. The new school will replace the Hawthorne and Longfellow schools.

The proposed site is a 13 acre parcel. It presently has the old high school on the site and an armory presently owned by Bowdoin College. Both buildings will be removed. A second location, known as Crimmins Field, will be used for play fields. This location is city owned and is close to the school site.

In the selection process 22 sites were identified and 5 of those were studied in depth. The former high school site rated the highest.

The selected site has all utilities available having been the site of a large high school. Traffic flows both on and off the site have been carefully studied to assure safety. The parcel to be purchased from Bowdoin College is 1.84 acres in size. The average of three appraisals on the property is \$387,666. Bowdoin has agreed to sell the parcel at the property's appraised value. In all, three parcels will be used. The first is the old Brunswick High School site, the second is contiguous and is the armory site owned by Bowdoin College, and the third is a non-contiguous site called Crimmins Field.

All State and local agencies that have an interest or involvement in the proposed school have been contacted. Their responses are on file in the Department of Education. The architect has completed the Site Application form as well as the New vs. Renovation Study of the affected schools.

***Project Information:***

Project: New elementary school, grades 3-5  
Superintendent: David Wallace, Interim Superintendent  
Architect: Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects  
Total number of acres: 13  
Total number of acres eligible for State support: 13  
Purchase cost: \$387,666  
Appraised value: \$387,666  
Amount eligible for State support: \$387,666

**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Construction Committee approved this Site Approval request at its meeting on February 4, 2008.

**COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION**

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to the Brunswick School Department for construction of a new grade 3-5 elementary school in Brunswick, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

\*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team